

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The teachings of Korpman do not anticipate the invention embodied in Claims 1 – 6, 8 – 11 and 32. In order to qualify as an anticipating reference, Korpman must disclose each element of the claimed invention. If the Office desires citations to legal authority for this position, Applicant will gladly do so upon request. Korpman fails this test as it neither teaches nor suggests nor implies use of any of the polymers previously in Claim 7 and now in Claim 1. By failing the test, Korpman cannot anticipate Claims 1 – 6, 8 – 11 and 32.

The teachings of Korpman also fail to render obvious the invention embodied in Claims 1 – 6, 8 – 11 and 32. As noted above, Korpman does not teach or suggest use of any of the thermoplastic polymers embodied in Claim 1. In the absence of such a teaching or suggestion, Korpman does not guide a skilled artisan to even think about the present claimed invention.

The teachings of Korpman also fail to support a 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of Claim 33 as Claim 33 depends from, and therefore has a narrower scope than, Claim 1.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of Claims 1 – 6, 8 – 11, 32 and 33 at an early date.

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